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Honorable Gerald R. Ford, Jr.

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Dear Jerry:

I sincerely appreciate your letter of November 9, with its more than generous comment about my work.

The Sub-Committee of the Appropriations Committee which dealt with intelligence, on which you played such an important role, was always understanding of our work and our problems and fair in its appraisal of our needs. I felt myself very fortunate to have this support which never wavered even when the going was a bit rough, as over the U-2 and Cuba, and I treasure the letter of confidence and support which this Committee sent to the President at a time of particular stresses and strains.

During the months that are immediately ahead I shall probably be in Washington a good deal of the time although I expect to resume an association with my old law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell in New York. I hope that I shall have an opportunity to see you when Congress reassembles. John McCone has asked me to act as consultant from time to time and you can reach me either

STAT in care of the Agency or at my Washington address,
[redacted] I am an admirer of yours
and what you are doing in the Congress and the position
you have achieved of constructive leadership.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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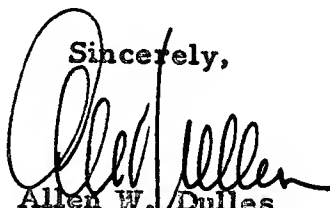
Dear Jerry:

I want to thank you for the kind and gracious comments in your recent letter. I am deeply appreciative of your expression of gratitude for my efforts in public service.

In turn, I should like to thank you for your strong support and guidance for it has been your efforts and the efforts of other members of the congressional committees responsible for Agency affairs which have contributed so substantially to my stewardship. In addition, our association over the years has certainly been personally rewarding for me.

Your best wishes for the future are truly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Allen W. Dulles
Director